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1. IN MEETING MAY 13 WITH LABOR ATTACHE TO REVIEW ILO AFFAIRS, MFA OFFICIAL (BAR-YAACOV), ALSO PROVIDED INFORMATION WHICH BASICALLY CORROBORATES REFTEL A.

2. BAR-YAACOV SAID MFA HAD NO HARD INFORMATION ON MOVE AT WHA TO SUSPEND ISRAEL. THEY PRIMARILY WERE ASSUMING THAT SUCH A MOVE MIGHT BE MADE BY RADICAL ARAB STATES. HE DID SAY EGYPT WAS MORE MODERATE ELEMENT, POSSIBLY LOOKING FOR CONDEMNATION RATHER THAN SUSPENSION OR OTHER SANCTIONS WHICH WOULD SERIOUSLY "ROCK THE BOAT."

3. BAR-YAACOV SAID THAT SUSPENSION MOVE AT WHA IS EASIER THAN AT ILO CONFERENCE, AS PROCEDURES FOR SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION EXIST IN WHO CONSTITUTION AND LIKELIHOOD FOR MAJORITY VOTE AT
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WHA IS BETTER. WHA IS COMPRISED OF GOVERNMENT DELEGATES ONLY,

WHILE ILO CONFERENCE HAS WORKER AND EMPLOYER DELEGATES WHO MAY VOTE DIFFERENTLY THAN GOVERNMENT. VOTING PROCEDURE AT ILO CONFERENCE ALSO MORE FAVORABLE TO DEFEATING EXPULSION MOVE.

4. HOWEVER, BAR-YAACOV FEARED THAT SUCCESSFUL SUSPENSION EFFORT AT WHA MIGHT PROVIDE PRECEDENT WHICH COULD STRENGTHEN EXPULSION MOVE AT ILO CONFERENCE. ON QUESTION OF EXPULSION MOVES AGAINST ISRAEL IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES, BAR-YAACOV NOTED THAT RESOLUTION WAS PASSED SOME TIME AGO BY UNESCO CONCERNING EDUCATION IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WHICH CONCEIVABLY COULD SERVE AS BASIS FOR SUSPENSION MOVE. SERIES OF SUSPENSIONS FROM UN AGENCIES, COULD, BAR-YAACOV SAID, LEAD TO FINAL CULMINATION IN EFFORT TO SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

5. BAR-YAACOV EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT WITH EXCLUSION OF ISRAEL FROM UNESCO MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE. HE BELIEVED UNESCO SECRETARIAT MIGHT HAVE WORKED FOR INCLUSION OF ISRAEL, THUS GIVING SUBSTANCE TO ITS ALLEGED CONTENTION THAT EXCLUSION OF ISRAEL FROM EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP WAS NOT TERRIBLY SIGNIFICANT ACTION. EFFORTS TO SECURE ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP IN EUROPEAN REGION WILL HAVE TO AWAIT NEXT GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNESCO.

6. STATUS OF LEMAIRE VISIT TO JERUSALEM IS UNCHANGED, I.E., LEMAIRE NOT WELCOME AS LONG AS HIS VISIT IS DIRECTLY ATTACHED TO CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL FOR ARCHEOLOGICAL DIGGINGS IN JERUSALEM. BAR-YAACOV STATED IF REQUEST WAS MADE FOR LEMAIRE TO VISIT JERUSALEM ALONG SAME PROCEDURES AS VISITS UNDER PREVIOUS UNESCO DG, I.E., WITHOUT ANY REFERENCE TO UNESCO ACTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL, HE THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM. WHAT UNESCO DOES WITH LEMAIRE'S REPORTS "IS ITS BUSINESS." BAR-YAACOV NOTED THAT THESE ARE HIS VIEWS; HE CANNOT PREDICT WITH CERTAINTY THE FINAL DECISION OF MFA ON REQUEST FROM DG FOR LEMAIRE TO VISIT JERUSALEM. (MFA ASST DIR GEN KIDRON HAS CONSISTENTLY COVEYED SIMILAR VIEWS TO US OVER PAST MONTHS). IN SIMILAR VEIN, BAR-YAACOV ADDED, ISRAEL WILL NOT RESPOND TO ANY ILO REQUESTS

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WHICH ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTION. VELIOTES UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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